

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of this response will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicants, respectfully, request that the above amendment be entered and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Advisor Action dated September 25, 2006 affirms the rejection contained within the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application for invention. The Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006 rejected Claims 1-20.

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-15 and 17-18 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,758,259 issued to Lawler (hereinafter referred to as Lawler).

The Advisory Action asserts that Lawler teaches a television system comprising having an interactive interface for a plurality of personal channels for a plurality of television viewers as defined by the rejected claims. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that the rejected claim prior the foregoing amendment defined subject matter for "a display" for displaying a plurality of personal channels that are available to viewers. Lawler teaches a system in which each viewer may receive a list of preferred programming on "a display"; however, Lawler does not disclose, or suggest, "a display" for displaying a plurality of personal channels to viewers on a single display. The present invention also pertains to presenting a display allowing selection of one of many possible personal channels. Lawler does not disclose, or suggest, "a display" presenting a visual indicia for allowing selection of each of the one personal channels. The teachings of Lawler do not mention in any way that each of the viewers has a separate "channel". Therefore, in order to clearly distinguish the subject matter of the present invention from the teachings of Lawler, independent claims 1, 5 and 13 have been amended to define subject matter for a display that simultaneously presents visual indicia for a plurality of personal channels allowing selection of one of the personal channels. The Applicants, respectfully, assert that Lawler does not disclose or suggest subject matter for a display that simultaneously presents visual indicia for a plurality of personal channels. Therefore, Claims 1, 5 and 13 are believed to be allowable. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7,

9-12, 14, 15 and 17-18 depend from Claim 1 and further narrow and define either Claim 1, 5 or 13. Therefore, the rejected claims are believed to be allowable.

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 4, 8 and 16 under the provision of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,107 issued to Lawler et al. (hereinafter referred to as Lawler et al '107). The rejection regarding Claims 4, 8 and 16 asserts that Lawler teaches that the remote control has means for controlling various functions of the interactive station. The rejection admits that Lawler does not specifically state that one of these functions is the recording of a television program. The rejection further asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to equip Lawler's interactive station with a function that allowed a user to record a television program, thereby giving the remote control a means for controlling the recording of a program. The rejection cites Figures 2 and 5, and col. 10, lines 27-44 of Lawler et al '107 for support, asserting that interactive stations function to support recording of television programs. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that Figures 2 and 5, and col. 10, lines 27-44 of Lawler et al '107 illustrate recording means that are on the display and not part of the remote control. There is no disclosure, or suggestion, for recording means on the remote control within Lawler et al '107. Therefore, there remain features defined by the rejection claims that are not found by the rejection contained within the Final Office Action. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed. Furthermore, Claims 4, 8 and 16 depend from, respectively, Claims 1, 5 and 13 that as previously discussed are believed to be allowable and are also believed to be allowable for that reason.

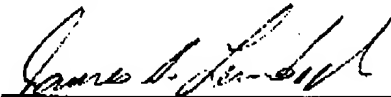
The Final Office Action rejected Claims 19 and 20 under the provision of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler in view U.S. Patent No. 5,621,456 issued in the name of Florin et al. (hereinafter referred to as Florin et al). These claims depend from Claims 1 and 13 that as previously discussed are believed to be allowable and are believed to be allowable for that reason.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associates with the submission of this Request for Continued Examination to Account No. 50-3745, including extension fees, and to credit any overpayments to the same account.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

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